

SALT RIVER
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 206

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Salt River is a tributary of the Eel River located near the town of Ferndale, in Humboldt County, California. It originates in the Wildcat Mountains above Ferndale, flows across the Eel River delta, and enters the Eel River within one mile of the Pacific Ocean. The proposed Salt River Restoration Project is expected to restore approximately two miles of riparian habitat along the Salt River, which has been experiencing major ecosystem degradation due to sedimentation and drainage problems. Project solutions under consideration include tide gate removal and dredging to control excess sedimentation, and riparian restoration. The non-Federal sponsor is the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (RCD).

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 8,000,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 5,200,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,800,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 270,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 4,330,000

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No work is anticipated for FY05 due to the funding shortages in the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP).

FY 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If funded in FY06, work on the Detailed Project Report (DPR) would continue.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project Preliminary Restoration Plan was approved by South Pacific Division in May 2003. Public/stakeholder involvement and consensus building had been ongoing while the study was funded. However, this study is suspended indefinitely due to the CAP funding shortages.

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